

BEFORE  
THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF  
SOUTH CAROLINA  
DOCKET NO. 2003-162-T - ORDER NO. 2003-690  
NOVEMBER 26, 2003

IN RE: Application of Coastal Moving & Storage, ) ORDER APPROVING  
Inc., 110 Bombay Drive, Columbia, SC ) REQUEST FOR WAIVER  
29209 (Mailing address: Post Office Box )  
23294, Savannah, GA 31403) (District 2) for )  
a Class E Certificate of Public Convenience )  
and Necessity to Transport Household Goods )

This matter comes before the Public Service Commission of South Carolina (the Commission) by way of a request from Coastal Moving & Storage, Inc. (Coastal or the Company) for a waiver of the Commission's requirement that the Company be required to file rates. In a letter from Coastal's counsel dated October 23, 2003, the Company renewed its request for a waiver of the Commission's requirement that Coastal file rates because the Company's authority is restricted to federal government shipments of household goods for military personnel. The Commission issued Order No. 2003-618 approving Coastal's Application, which is restricted to the transportation of federal government shipments of household goods for military personnel. Order No. 2003-618 does not address the Company's request for a waiver of the South Carolina requirement to file rates.

According to counsel for Coastal, Defense Transportation Regulations, Part IV, Chapter 405, govern the rates, charges and billing for federal government shipments of military personnel. Once Coastal obtains its Class E Certificate, the Company will file

rates with the Department of Defense under the Military Traffic Management Command (MTMC) in order to obtain a Basic Ordering Agreement. Once these rates are filed, carriers are allowed to raise rates semi-annually and/or reduce them monthly by giving the MTMC 45 days notice. After the MTMC accepts the rates for a Basic Ordering Agreement, the rates are public record and may be viewed on the MTMC website at any given time at [https://pweb.eta.mtmc.army.mil/pls/ppcig\\_camp/rsmo.rates](https://pweb.eta.mtmc.army.mil/pls/ppcig_camp/rsmo.rates) under Non-Temporary Basic Order Agreement Rates section.

Coastal is approved to handle only federal government shipments which are governed by federal regulations and contracts; therefore, the Company respectfully renews its motion for an exemption from the South Carolina requirement that rates be filed.

We find that Coastal's request for a waiver of the Commission's regulation, which requires the Company to file its rates with the Commission, should be granted. The Company files its rates with the Department of Defense under the MTMC. These rates can be raised semi-annually and/or reduced monthly by giving the MTMC forty-five days notice. We find that the requested waiver in this case is exceptional because Coastal's authority in this State involves the Company performing only federal government jobs, pursuant to contract. However, we are granting a waiver of Coastal's rates being filed only in this case. In the future, carriers' requests for a waiver of the South Carolina requirement to file rates will be determined by us on a case-by-case basis. While not required to file rates with this Commission, Coastal shall file a

statement with the Commission indicating where the Company's rates may be found on the Internet.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:



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Mignon L. Clyburn, Chairman

ATTEST:



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Bruce F. Duke, Acting Executive Director

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